SECRET

24 November 1967

Terms of Reference for McNamara Project:
Review of the Vietnam War

The response to the McNamara request will take the form of an Agency memorandum. Coordination of the project, final editing, and publication will be the responsibility of OCI.

Inputs to the project will take the form of a number of brief monographs (generally not to exceed 6 single-spaced pages in OCI format). Each monograph will be tailored to a common theme that answers one or more questions asked by Secretary McNamara. (Attachment A). Primary production responsibilities are shown in Attachment B.

A summary report will be prepared by OCI on the basis of the monographs. This summary will be coordinated by a committee headed by George Carver, SAVA.

In addition to the monographs, each of the 67 questions asked by the Secretary will be given a separate answer of 3 or 4 sentences. The fact that OER does not have a primary responsibility for particular questions does not exclude the preparation of a specific response. OER is invited to answer any question to which it has a contribution to make. Chief, D/I, in consultation with Ch, IRA, will make an initial assignment of branch responsibilities for answering specific questions.'

Due Dates: The completed project is due to Secretary McNamara on 9 Dec 1967.

OER contributions must be finished and ready for final coordination, editing and publication at the opening of business on 4 Dec 1967. Coordination with OCI, ONE, and SAVA will not be undertaken until each contribution has received Office approval.

In view of these tight deadlines, it is urged that every effort be made to submit individual pieces for review and approval before 1 December.

25X1

SECRET